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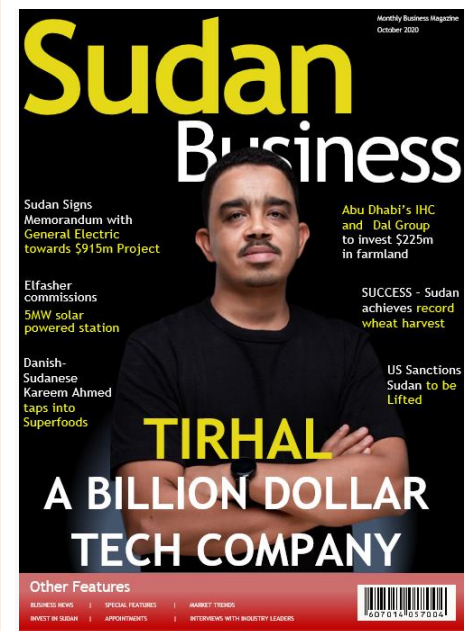
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Egyptian Trade



Egyptian Minister of Trade and Industry Nevine Gamea announced that the volume of Egyptian exports to Sudan amounted to \$496 million during 2019, compared to \$418 million in 2018, marking an increase of 19 percent. She stressed the necessity of the importance of activating the establishment of the Egyptian industrial zone in Sudan.

Green Energy



SGE Chairman presented a brief of the company flagship project "eMobility" to the Acting Minister of Infrastructure & Transport, about the project expected to cover setting up of Carports Charging Stations made of SGE' American hybrid renewable energy systems to self generate its own electricity and supply of Star8' electric buses, running in dedicated Green Routes in the capital Khartoum.

Railway



Egypt has recently discussed the terms of a new railway linkage project with Sudan, bridging Aswan with the Sudanese city of Wadi Haifa, located near Sudan's northern border.

Such a railway network can open new markets which can be expanded into Chad and West Africa.

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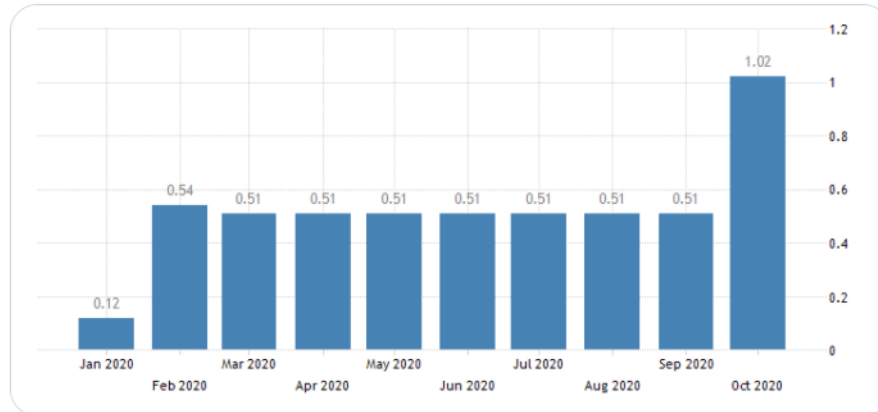
UNAMID to exit Darfur on December 31. Prime Minister Abdallah Hamdok said that the Sudanese government will fully support the new UN Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS), and facilitate the exit of UNAMID. According to the UN Security Council Resolution 2524 (2020) adopted on June 3, UNITAMS will be established for an initial period of 12 months.

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Thank you so much, President Trump! We very much look forward to your official notification to Congress rescinding the designation of Sudan as a state-sponsor of terrorism, which has cost Sudan too much.



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GREAT news! New government of Sudan, which is making great progress, agreed to pay \$335 MILLION to U.S. terror victims and families. Once deposited, I will lift Sudan from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list. At long last, JUSTICE for the American people and BIG step for Sudan!

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CTC Group was honored today to receive His Excellency Mr. Hattori Takeshi, Ambassador of Japan to Sudan, accompanied by a high-ranking delegation from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Both parties expressed their interest in future cooperation in the fields of training and capacity building in both agricultural and industrial sectors.

The delegation toured the CTC Academy, CTC Service Centre, Spare parts warehouse and during the tour solutions provided by CTC group in the field of agricultural mechanization were highlighted.

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The Meat Exporters Division revealed its plan to open new global markets to benefit from the added value and provide foreign currencies to the state treasury. Dr. Khaled Al-Maqboul, Secretary-General of the Division's Steering Committee, told SUNA after the expanded meeting today at the headquarters of the Civil Aviation Authority, in the presence of Mr. Khalfan Al-Salami, the Regional Director of Emirates Airlines, Mr. Ibrahim Adlan, Director of the Aviation Authority, the Secret Team, Director of Airports, and Brigadier General Al-Fateh Dahab, Director Airport Customs - He said that the meeting secured the importance of revitalizing meat exports through Emirates Airlines, which is the largest carrier of the markets of Bahrain, the Sultanate of Oman, Kuwait and the UAE. *Source: SUNA*

He added that the meeting reviewed the plan for establishing an air cargo village and the importance of health requirements used in exporting meat. Al-Maqboul stated that the export of meat is estimated at about 140 tons per week, adding that efforts are being made to increase the quantity to contribute significantly to providing a return in foreign exchange for the country.

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Faisal Islamic Bank offers Visa payments

Source: ifinfintech.com

Faisal Islamic Bank (FIB) will become one of the first banks in Sudan to issue cashless payment products via global payment platform Visa, a turning point in the bank's history and a significant milestone in its growth journey.

While the ability to issue Visa payment credentials may almost be a given in most other markets, for Sudan, this is a major step forward as the Republic for decades had remained insular due to years of debilitating economic and financial sanctions. Although the sanctions were lifted in 2017, foreign banks and investors remained reluctant to reengage, particularly as the US continues to view Sudan as a state sponsor of terrorism.

"This indeed is a landmark moment not only for FIB but for the whole nation as Visa is the first US-based financial payment solutions provider entering Sudan after decades of economic embargo. Over the last few months, FIB worked closely with Visa to ensure we were able to launch these solutions in Sudan," Moawia Ahmed Elamin, CEO of FIB, shared.

"With the arrival of Visa payment solutions in Sudan, we are quite confident that this will encourage other international institutions to start correspondent banking relationships with Sudan. We are looking forward to working with both Visa and the regulator to offer Visa products and solutions to our Sudanese customers."

This new development comes as the bank mobilizes a new strategy anchored by a rebranding exercise. At the heart of the new strategy is technology. In an interview with IFN, the sister publication of IFN Fintech, Moawie explained: "FIB will continue to strongly leverage technology to improve its operations and provide quality service to its customers, and accordingly, the strategy is expected to make a major shift in the bank's positioning, and expand its products and services scope."

Ahlia launches corporate medical insurance products

Ahlia is part of the Sudanese Insurance and Reinsurance Co (Sudinreco), a holding company. It was established in 1967 by the late Mr. Izzeldin El Sayed and a group of partners. Sudinreco, offered general insurance services and became a success in a short period of time and by the end of its first decade the company became one of the leading insurance companies in Sudan.

In 2004 Sudinreco introduced travel insurance for the first time with cooperation with AHI, which is Bupa's travel insurance arm. Later on, Sudinreco received many requests from corporate clients for medical insurance services.

After studying the market and the early startups of medical insurance departments in other companies, Sudinreco management decided to introduce medical insurance in late 2013.

The medical department had a modest start but gradually demand started to pick up and was about to outgrow the capacity of the medical department staff. Sudinreco management decided to follow the advice of the regulatory body and turn the medical department into a separate company. The medical insurance department was sharing the resources with the other departments, which impacted progress.

Today, Alahlia has it's own finance and accounting, underwriting, claims department etc.. More important the staff are now concentrating in the medical insurance field which is very specialized

Ahlia for Medical Insurance Co. organized an event at Corinthia Hotel in Khartoum to launch its capabilities and showcase its products and services covering medical insurance policies for corporates which covers employees and offers medical services in Sudan and Egypt, international travel insurance with collaboration with Euro Assist Company, Group life policy for corporates and third party administration services for corporates health funds.



Ahlia announced more products in the pipeline which will be launched starting from next year such as family insurance policies and individual insurance policies.



More Photos from the Ahlia event



SUCCESS Sudan achieves record wheat harvest

Source: afdb.org



Despite coronavirus-related lockdowns, travel and transport restrictions, Sudan has just recorded its largest wheat harvest. According to Sudanese officials, the nation saw a wheat production level of a 1.115 million-ton harvest from 315,500 hectares of farmland. That's quite an improvement from just five years ago, when farmers in Sudan working about a quarter-million hectares of land harvested just 472,000 tons of the grain.

Development experts and economists say the nation is on the path to become Africa's next wheat-sourcing breadbasket, and Sudanese farmers and government leaders are crediting the African Development Bank's Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation program, or TAAT, for delivering the latest technology of heat-tolerant wheat varieties to Sudanese wheat farmers at scale.

"Now, we consistently have good quality wheat and in record numbers," says Sudan farmer Daf'Allah Mohamed Ahmed, one of more than 1,400 farmers and stakeholders taking part in the TAAT program.

During a recent visit by top-level Sudanese Ministry of Agriculture officials, the Bank's Director for Agriculture and representatives from TAAT implementing partner the International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA), Ahmed strolled through lush green wheat fields, gesturing for the cameras while describing his agribusiness success.

"My wheat yield increased from 2.5 tons, to 5 tons," Ahmed says, with a big-bellied laugh and grinning from ear to ear.

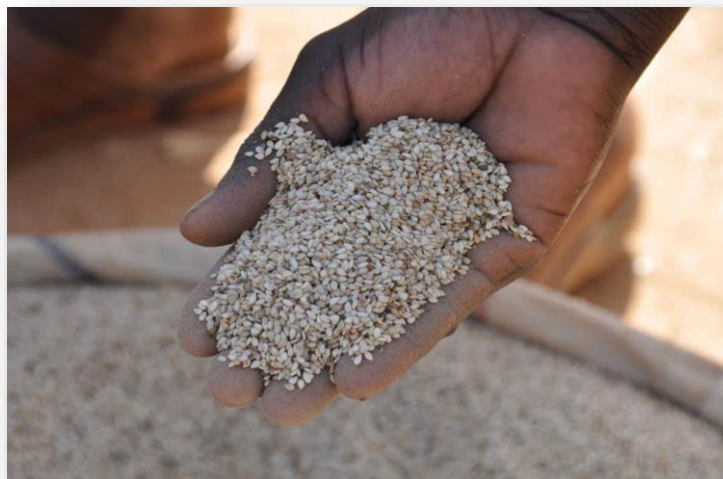
Introduced in 2017 and adopted by Sudan in the 2017/2018 wheat season, TAAT is helping the country to boost yields and become self-sufficient in wheat by deploying productivity-enhancing technologies. TAAT aims to raise food output by 100 million tons and lift 40 million people out of poverty by 2025, by harnessing high-impact, proven technologies to raise productivity, mitigate risks, and promote diversification and processing.

Sudan's bold ambition could be achievable. Agriculture makes up 40% of the national economy and occupies 80% of the workforce. Wheat, sorghum, and millet provide more than half of the calories consumed by Sudanese people every day.

High temperatures, often exceeding 38°C during Sudan's short wheat growing season, severely limit crop performance and yield, while climate change, lower and inconsistent yields inhibit efforts, and severely reduces farmers' incomes.

The good news is that advances in crop science mean that the situation is changing. The TAAT Wheat Compact is focusing on accelerated production of high-quality certified seeds of heat-tolerant wheat varieties and ensuring they reach farmers who need them.

In line with this push for increased wheat production, the Sudanese government, working with ICARDA and the Bank, set up eight innovation platforms to scale up innovative technologies, seed production and distribution in all of the country's major wheat producing areas.



The TAAT scheme worked with more than a dozen private seed companies to produce more than 45,000 tons of certified wheat seed in 2018/19 – enough to cover targeted wheat production areas in the country with high-yielding seeds better suited to Sudan's hot climate.

“Sudan is optimistically referred to as an awakening giant, and its vast plains are seen by development experts as a potential bread-basket to feed Africa,” according to a report by the Bank's researchers.

TAAT's work has been a critical and a defining moment in the lives of 15,000 farmers who have benefitted from the program through technology promotion field days. Similarly, farmers like Ahmed along the wheat value chain – 44% youth and women – at innovation platform sites have been trained in wheat grain and seed production, value addition, and innovation.

“To put it in perspective, the additional production will make Sudan 100% self-sufficient in wheat production within the next three years and put the country in the top three producers of wheat on the African continent,” said Martin Fregene, the Bank's Director for Agriculture and Agro-Industry.

Bank officials say successful TAAT interventions in Sudan are not unique. In Ethiopia, TAAT funds are providing 28,000 farmers with seed that can withstand the lowlands' high temperatures. TAAT also aims to scale up heat-tolerant wheat production tenfold, creating 220,000 jobs - and doubling farmer incomes.

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The Value of Small to Medium Businesses in National Economy Development

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Small-Medium Businesses (SMBs) or Small-Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are mostly businesses that run privately or owned and can sole or partnership.

A country like Sudan requires a hasten revolution for small-medium businesses to support the acceleration of the national economy development for certain reasons. The reasons of why SMBs or SMEs require support by Sudanese government:

Firstly, they will offer new jobs for job seekers, and this will reduce the government's pressure on graduates seeking and asking the government to create and open new opportunities.

Secondly, the production process increases, and diversifications of productions internally led, also improves the investment skills among the enthusiastic youth because today, the government has a big problem to operate the governmental properties for decades and with minimal resources, and utilization of Sudanese diaspora in various areas of specializations.

Thirdly, SMBs or SMEs participate directly in the national economy by paying taxes and customs. The SMBs or SMEs businesses do not require physical support from the government only if the law is applied to govern all investors in an equal manner.

Fourthly, the socio-corporates of the SMBs or SMEs amongst the population, and not appreciating the nature and culture of the Sudanese people by the kindness traits and collaborations.

Finally, the SMBs or SMEs have the ability to align with technological services rapidly according to the size due to the competition and ways to attract international investors.



According to many studies in different countries with different cultures show small-medium businesses presented a high success in national economy development like SMEs made 90% of the UAE's market in 2019 and in Africa, the Zimbabwe SME made 60% of the employment opportunities and more the 35% from the GDP 2019 and many countries overall world.

SMB of SME have a rapid revolution to flourish the national economy at a certain time by reducing the unemployment, gives space to initiatives using their capabilities, increases the governmental income and personal income as well, and increase of the competition reflecting consumer price reductions for the population.

How Trump's tweet signalled \$335m Sudan payment to end decades of sanctions

Source: Middle East eye



A tweet by Donald Trump has sparked wide discussion over the future benefits for Sudan after the US president said Washington would remove the country's name from the list of nations it says sponsor terrorism.

After decades of waiting, millions of Sudanese heard the news on Monday that their country would be removed from the list, which Trump said was dependent on Khartoum paying \$335m to the families of US victims killed in attacks in 1998 and 2000.

"The two sides had agreed that Trump's tweet would be the signal to the Sudanese government to immediately pay the money which has already been put into an escrow account in a US bank," the source told MEE under condition of anonymity.

He added that Trump had agreed to sign the executive order once the money had been transferred and that the money would be held in the account until Congress passes an immunity bill that will protect Sudan from any future lawsuits.

The Sudanese minister of information and government spokesman, Faisal Mohamed Saleh, confirmed to Middle East Eye on Tuesday that the money had been paid into an escrow account for those affected.

Sudan's first solar powered plant in El Fasher

Source: SUNA



The Thermal Generation Department in El Fasher has formally received from the Sudanese Water Generation and Renewable Energy Company, the new El Fasher power station, which was established to produce electricity from solar energy at a rate of 5 megawatts, as the first solar power plant in the Republic of Sudan.

The Director of the Thermal Generation Department, Eng. Bahruddin Yahya Sharif, confirmed that his administration received the new plant yesterday with a production capacity of 4 megawatts as a first stage, to be raised to the maximum capacity when necessary, noting that the experimental introduction of the new station to the main supply network in the city of El Fasher has been completed.



He pointed out that entering the station had contributed to easing the daytime burden on the city's network in addition to its contribution to solving the problem of fuel crisis afflicting the state, as reported by SUNA.

The Sudanese ex-employee turned entrepreneur

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One of the most common reasons for the failure of emerging businesses owned by former employees is that they are still under the influence of the employee mentality, which often lacks financial sensitivity. The employee tends to spend not taking into account the fragile state of the business at the beginning of its formation.

The employee is naturally inclined to consume according to the economic rule. The higher the income, the higher the consumption, while the merchant relies on saving as a basic strategy for building and developing his business.

The employee always attaches their social image of utmost importance, as they are keen to not lower the level of clothing, food, and keeping up with appearances as during the times of employment, whilst the self-starting entrepreneur is interested in accumulating capital at the expense of other things of less importance.

On the other hand, the luxury stage of the entrepreneur usually comes after an estimated number of years and after the business has made a strong comeback, for example, living in a luxury house is not a good option for the early days of the entrepreneur, although the funds maybe available, but a preference is made to reinvest the amount into the business.

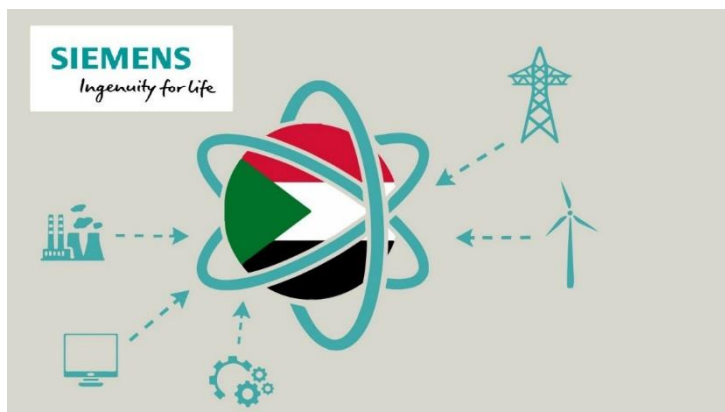
One of the most important recommendations for any employee as soon as they leave the job market and start a private business is reviewing buying habits, controlling consumption behavior and allocating a strict and accurate budget that only fulfills the necessary life needs.

You are now in a new phase that you cannot live in another stage.

Germany's Siemens continues its humanitarian relief efforts in Sudan

Source: africanews.com

Siemens – in partnership with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), which is working on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), as well as HELIOZ, and Plan International – has developed multiple programs that deliver humanitarian, economic and educational benefits to the marginalized people of Sudan.



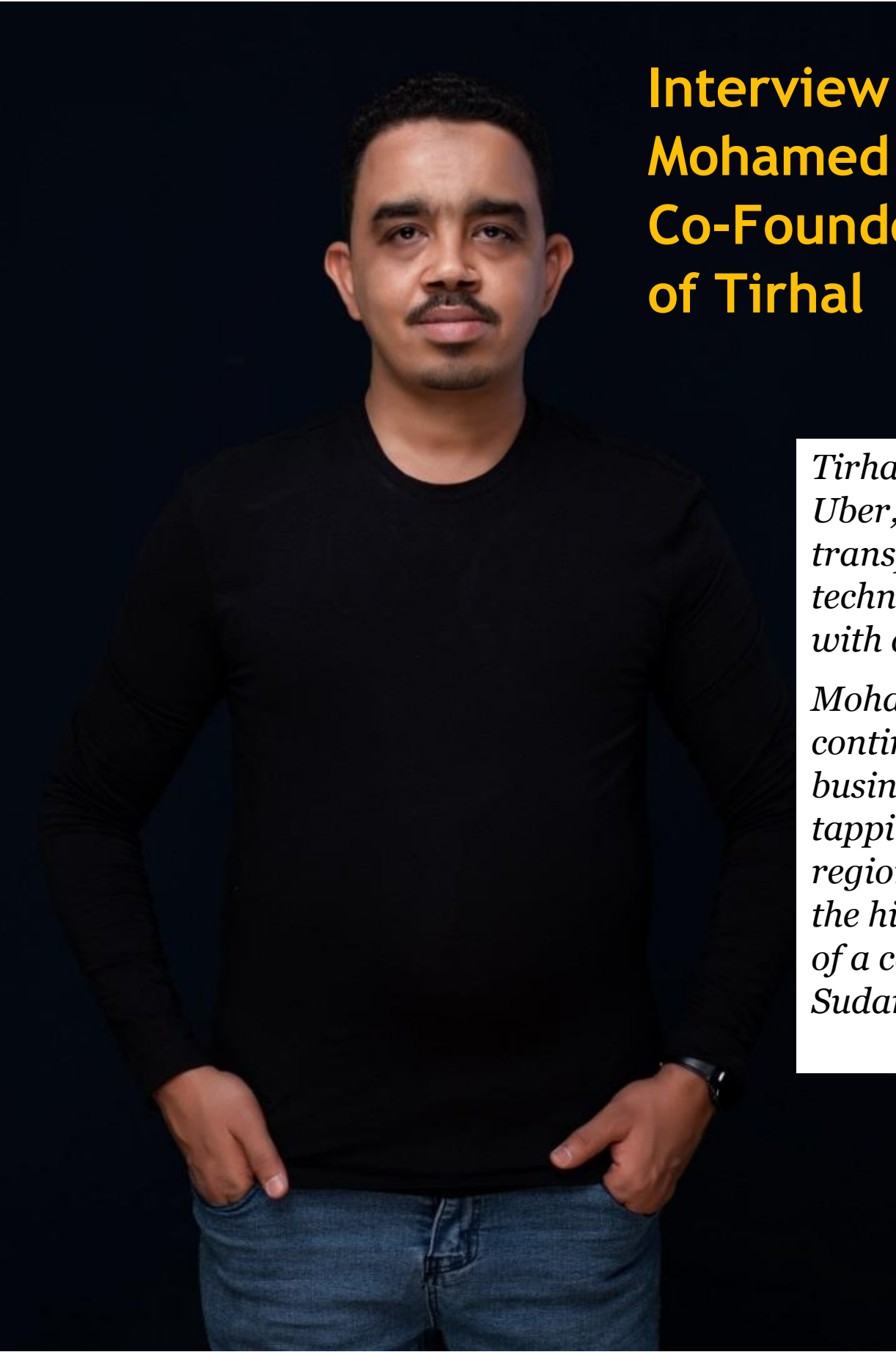
“Serving the societies in which we work is one of our core values at Siemens,” said Sabine Dall’Omo, CEO of Siemens in Southern and Eastern Africa. “Through our partnerships, we are working to address the basic human needs and improve the quality of life of Sudan’s rural and marginalized communities.”

Sudan declared an economic state of emergency on September 10. This crisis demands an even greater response from the private sector to fulfill its social responsibility duties to help the people of Sudan wherever it can, especially those living in marginalized communities.

In addition to the delivery of protective gear, Siemens is executing the following humanitarian projects in the country:

- Siemens signed an agreement on July 31 with HELIOZ, a social enterprise active in the field of water disinfection and development of climate projects, to develop a multi-year water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) program for marginalized residents of Khartoum, as well as Kosti in White Nile State where there is no access to potable water.
- In partnership with Germany’s BMZ and GIZ, Siemens is investing EUR 500,000 to train 30 Sudanese trainers at the Um Haraz Training Center in Khartoum, who will train another 190 Sudanese trainees to become technicians and engineers, able to provide essential infrastructure to those who need it the most.
- Siemens is investing another EUR 500,000 in partnership with Plan International, a development and humanitarian organization that advances children’s rights and equality for girls, to modernize and expand two schools, one in Kosti and the other in Al Kashafa refugee camp in White Nile State, which hosts 170,000 refugees, the majority of whom are women and children.

The schools project also includes the installation of off-grid solar systems, which will provide energy and increase the potential for economic activity. These green energy systems will become teaching tools for students on renewable energy infrastructure. The initiative will also develop rainwater catchment facilities to ensure the availability of potable water in the dry season.

A portrait of Mohamed Elzakey, a man with short dark hair and a mustache, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. He is standing with his hands in his pockets against a dark background.

Interview with Mohamed Elzakey, Co-Founder & CEO of Tirhal

Tirhal is Sudan's Uber, a transportation technology company with a vision.

Mohamed Elzakey continues to push the business into growth tapping into new regions aiming for the highest valuation of a company in Sudanese history.



A Technology business in Sudan, typically not a lucrative business, what inspired you to start Tirhal?

I started my career being involved in a number of commercial activities including mining, agriculture, and book sales. I then joined a technical organization, one of the leading companies in Sudan, where I identified that a there the set of success factors in the market in terms of using technology and employing it to satisfy the needs and desires of the market, which, if exploited, could become an idea of travel. A tangible reality which referred to the start of the business.

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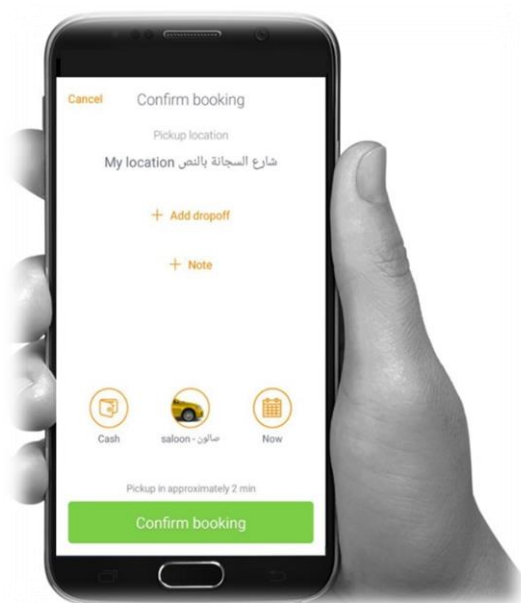
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How did Tirhal grow from a few drivers and clients to thousands if not millions of clients today?

Since its establishment, Tirhal, has succeeded in creating a homogeneous team that has become the backbone of the business who believed in the idea, challenged failure and loved success. They contributed to the development and implementation of growth plans with the continuous interest of the senior management to achieve the difficult equation, which stipulates complete customer satisfaction while establishing the principle of partnership with the end users needing transportation.

With 5 million customers, covering 6 major cities in Sudan, 70,000 registered and vetted drivers, we achieved over 30 millions trips to date.



US sanctions on Sudan must have created challenges in implementing technological support services to run Tirhal, are there other sources of technology from other countries available for Sudanese technology businesses?

Yes, the US sanctions made it difficult for us, moreover service technology applications, within taxis & transportation, are an emerging field in the Sudanese market, so the pressure was immense.

Tirhal used foreign technology, but at the same time we attracted the most distinguished young Sudanese brains, energy, and enthusiasm to reach and overcome those challenges.

Technology has made the world a small village, so despite the US sanctions, we were able to benefit from alternative global expertise.



Co-Founders of Tirhal

What is the ranking of Tirhal in Sudan and how did you achieve it?

Since the establishment of the company on in September 2016, we have been able to rise to first rank and maintain it in our field of activity in terms of the number of clients and travellers, and the brand has been classified the fastest growing in Sudan for the year 2018 among its peers. To achieve this, it was necessary for us to deserve the title of being leaders in providing services to travellers from car insurance, Medical insurance, and other travel related services.

Tirhal is Sudan's first mobile phone application to reach one million downloads on the play stores.



For customers, it was creating a variety of options that meet the different classes of society, such as providing saloon, prestige and economical options, and a women's channel called "Nawaem" was added as an intrusion into the culture in the taxi sector, which was historically dominated exclusively for men.

You have expressed growth and you have big ambitions to make Tirhal the most valued company in Sudan, what are your growth plans for Tirhal to be valued at 1 billion dollars?

We are constantly seeking partners and investors who see value in our business and share our growth plans. We are executing a strategy which involves further expansion into other cities in Sudan. We have plans to enter foreign territories and we will go global. Finally, we plan to offer new features which shall enhance the customer experience and open new markets making our platform a one stop shop.

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Mohamed Elzakey
CEO of Tirhal

Can Sudanese technology companies add value to society?

Sudan is a rich environment with modern communication infrastructure available at affordable prices with the widespread use of smart phones in all layers of society, hence technology companies can add a set of great values to society through the services they provide in various directions through these media.



Tirhal driver Training and Safety Academy

Who is your technology entrepreneur inspiration and why?

Many entrepreneurs inspired me, in particular Apple's Steve Jobs who created the world's most recognized brand and never gave up, bringing more creative ideas and paid the price for their implementation and because of him, he changed the world in different industries.

World Bank provides Sudan with a \$370 million grant

Source: MOF

The Government of Sudan and the World Bank signed a total grant agreement of \$ 370 million, including \$ 200 million in World Bank grant and \$ 170 million from the Development Fund To support and rebuild the transitional government in Sudan with the appreciated support of the European Union, UK, Netherlands, Ireland, Germany and Sweden.



Further financial contributions from donors are expected to be deposited to meet the total amount required for the implementation of phase 400 of the Programme of \$ 400 million. Since 2019, the Sudanese government has taken bold steps to solve long-lasting internal conflicts, address economic distortions, renew social contract and re-engage with the international community. Great resources are needed to meet these challenges due to their deep-rooted nature.

Nearly 11.3 million people are expected to benefit from the first phase of the project, which represents 33 % of the total number of beneficiaries and once it is completed, the first phase of the project will be implemented in each of Khartoum states. And Darfur, Kassala and the Red Sea. The project consists of three components: Cash transfers, delivery systems, institution-building, monitoring, evaluation and learning through a set of project management tools to build and support the social safety net by including information of registered families in civil registration lists In addition to introducing new families that are eligible for support but not registered on the lists of the civil register, rationalizing social protection expenses to reduce overlaps, close gaps and enhance coordination with other social protection networks. This will include monitoring and evaluation of the program through its various stages and focusing on strengthening the capacities of relevant government entities to achieve the best results.

UAE's IHCO Ajman to construct 200 homes for the flood-affected in Sudan

Source: Construction weekly online



The executive manager of the International and Humanitarian Charity Organisation (IHCO) in Ajman, Dr Khalid Abdel Wahhab Al Khajah, laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Al Salam Village community in Sudan's River Nile State.

The village will include the construction of 200 houses for local people affected by floods that recently swept through the country. Commenting on the amenities, Dr Al Khajah said:

“The village will include a Grand Mosque and a health centre.” Dr Al Khajah added that the project will be the beginning of similar charitable projects in Sudan, which aim to ease the suffering of flood victims. The organisation has also distributed 5,000 food parcels to affected people in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, and several remote villages.

Local beneficiaries of the International and Humanitarian Charity Organisation's charitable projects in Sudan thanked the UAE and the organisation for supporting people living in affected provinces, according to the state-run news agency, *Wam*.

Sudanese Achievers

Kareem Ahmed

Editor's Choice



Sudanese entrepreneurs are scattered around the globe, and many have succeeded in building businesses within their newly adopted homes.

This month we identified a young Sudanese businessperson. A new name, a booming industry where Sudan can be a leader. The business is in superfoods, Numba Organic founded by Sudanese born Kareem Ahmed based in Denmark.

Numba Organic produces superfoods based drinks with flavours inspired from Sudan, being Baobab, Moringa, Hibiscus – Ginger and Hibiscus. Numba Organic products are currently available in Denmark and Germany. Kareem is currently looking at expanding into the rest of Europe as the superfoods market grows to record levels.

Kareem was inspired by his Sudanese heritage as part of my upbringing which he himself supervised the product development, admitting to spending hours upon hours mixing, tasting and re-mixing until satisfied.

Kareem takes pride in being socially responsible in the business, and works strategically within Danish community goals and ethically with suppliers.

Kareem is an inspiration to Sudanese entrepreneurs, and his connection to Sudan, and Sudan's connection to its natural resources combined with its rich heritage is in our opinion the root of the Numba Organic business.



Sudan signs preliminary deal with General Electric to boost power provision

Source: Reuters



The Sudanese government signed a memorandum of understanding with General Electric aimed at increasing power generation by up to 470 megawatts (MW). GE said in a statement it planned to deliver electricity to about 600,000 households through mobile turbines that can be installed within months and the rehabilitation of three existing power plants. The company said it was also exploring cooperation on further power projects as well as health projects including the modernisation of radiology, cardiology and oncology infrastructure and healthcare in rural areas.

“It has been almost three decades since we have seen such important companies engage with Sudan,” Sudanese Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok was quoted as saying in a joint press release. The statement gave no detail on financial terms or costs. Sudan’s cabinet said on Wednesday it was planning to boost output at a power plant in El Fula, West Kordofan, at a total cost of \$915 million.



Dal Group and Abu-Dhabi Based Company to Invest U.S.\$225 Million in Agriculture Project

Source Khaleej Times

IHC Food Holding LLC, a fully owned subsidiary of Abu-Dhabi based listed holding company International Holding Company (IHC), and DAL Group, which is the largest private sector conglomerate in Sudan, announced that the companies have entered into a joint agreement to develop and cultivate farm land in Abu Hamad, River Nile State, Sudan.

The joint agreement will see a five-year investment plan of over \$225 million put into the transformation and development of over 100,000 acres into farmland. The farm is expected to reach a maximum annual output of over 400,000 metric tonnes of agricultural crops for consumption and export purposes. Once fully developed, this will help generate approx. \$1 billion in export revenues for Sudan over the next 10 years. It is also expected to create new employment for more than 5,000 people in Sudan, including on the farm as well as part of the ancillary services to support the farm.

“\$1 Billion in export revenues for Sudan”

Mamoon Othman, IHC Food CEO, said: "The agriculture sector has become very important for our business. We need to ensure our long-term goal of safeguarding farm-to-fork supply chains in an efficient and sustainable manner, and this type of impact capital will get us there. This farming project will help secure high-quality agricultural output and drive further integration into our vertical supply chain."

The project itself will utilise the industry's leading best practices and modern technology. This will include automated pivots using drip-irrigation, which will minimise water wastage, while the latest farming technology will maximize farm productivity. The farm has scope to expand further in terms of size and scale.

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